

# FOCUS

*We exist to grow in passion for God and compassion for people.*

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As September arrives, so does a shift in our daily rhythms. Summer's spontaneity gives way to structure: schools reopen, calendars fill up, and the pace of life picks up again. Whether you're a parent navigating back-to-school mornings, a student starting a new academic year, or simply returning to post-summer routines at work or home, this season brings change. And with change comes an opportunity.

In the middle of new routines, Jesus invites us not to *squeeze Him in*, but to *center our lives* around Him. This month, as your schedule fills with to-do lists, appointments, practices, and plans, remember this: Christ is not just present in the quiet, early morning devotions. He walks with us in carpools, classrooms, boardrooms, and grocery store aisles.

This isn't about adding more to your plate. It's about inviting Jesus into what's already there.

- **Pray during your commute.**  
Turn off the noise for a moment and talk to Him.
- **Place Scripture where you'll see it.**  
On your fridge, your desk, or your bathroom mirror. Let it speak into your day.
- **Pause before the rush.**  
Whether it's five minutes in the morning or a moment of stillness before bed, give Jesus that space.
- **Invite Him into decisions—small and large.**  
From parenting to planning, Jesus cares.

As a church, we want to walk with you in this season. You're not alone in the transition, and there's grace for every missed quiet time, every chaotic morning, and every weary evening. Jesus meets us not just in the silence—but in the schedules too.

Let's be a people who seek Him—not just because we “found” time, but because *He is worthy of all our time*.

## Men's 18- Hole Golf

On Saturday, October 18th our men's ministry will be holding an 18-hole golf outing at Totteridge Golf Club. The cost is \$66 which includes a cart. Tee times will begin at 9:00am. Sign up in the Lobby to join us. Contact Bob Statler with any questions, [drbobstatler@gmail.com](mailto:drbobstatler@gmail.com).



## Women's Ministries: One Day Retreat— Going Beyond Simulcast



Hey Ladies! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 4th from 8:30am-4:00pm for a special one-day retreat. We are once again hosting the Going Beyond Simulcast Event with Priscilla Shearer where we will experience whole-hearting Biblical teaching, worship by Anthony Evans, and powerful prayer to inspire and challenge us to listen for His voice in our lives. Because when we seek Him, we'll find Him!

This event is a perfect opportunity to invite your friends, so spread the news!!! Come spend the day with other ladies for this impactful simulcast! Registration can be found in our GAC app and website under "Ministries— Adult Ministries" or by contacting the church office. Cost is \$30 which includes lunch, snacks, registration, and materials. Registration closes September 28th.

## Art of Parenting Study

On Wednesdays this Fall from 6:30-8:00pm, beginning October 1st, Eric and Carrie Simpson will be leading FamilyLife's Art of Parenting. This study will help parents find new ways to integrate faith into everyday parenting moments, helping parents make faith the core of their parenting with intentional, biblical teaching and Christ-centered plans.



Parents will end the eight sessions with renewed confidence, fresh insights on parenting children of different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifting. The book is \$10 and couples can share. If you have children in AWANA, we would love to have you join us after you drop them off. Sign up in the Lobby to reserve your book. Contact Eric Simpson with any questions, [esimpson321@comcast.net](mailto:esimpson321@comcast.net).

## Move Up Sunday– September 7th



We are excited that it is the time in our church calendar when our students will be moving up into their next classes. Both the Children's Ministry and the Youth Ministry will have their move up days on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Awana will kick off on the 10<sup>th</sup> and Youth group will kick off on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see the youth and children's section of the newsletter for more details about eligibility and times.

## LIFE Thank You Service & Meal– September 14th

This past July, a group from our church of 22 teens and 6 leaders spent an amazing week at the LIFE Conference in Indianapolis, IN. This conference happens once every three years and is geared towards seeing teens encounter Jesus and be radically transformed.



We were able to take such a large group of teens on this trip because of the generosity of this congregation. On Sunday Sept 14 during both services, we will be taking the opportunity to share about what God was up to with our group on this trip.



The teens also wanted show our appreciation with free fresh squeezed lemonade between the services and a free taco meal after the second service. There is no need to sign up, just show and grab a drink or hang around after the second service for a free meal. We are so grateful to have a congregation who supports our teens.

## Hempfield Homecoming Outreach– September 26th

We have a tremendous outreach each year during the Hempfield Homecoming Parade. Hundreds from our community visit our property and we give them free hot dogs and hot cocoa. This is an excellent opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We will need help with set-up & tear-down, getting the food prepped and ready, and handing the items to the community. If you are willing to help, sign up at the Welcome Center or mark the "Sign Me Up" box on your Connect Card.



**HEMPFIELD AREA**



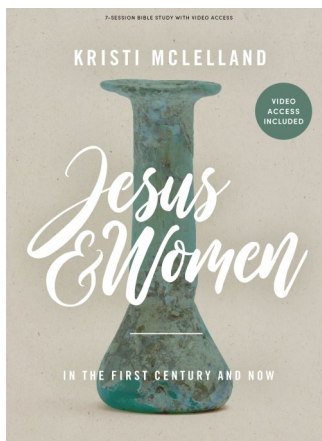
**SPARTAN FOOTBALL**

## Keystone Family Alliance

One of the goals of KFA is to help churches to come alongside foster and adoptive families in their community by providing for tangible needs of these families. Jordan Hunt from KFA will be back with us on Sunday, September 7th to meet with those who previously signed up for more information about partnering with KFA. If you would also like to learn about how you can be a part of this ministry to families in our community, join Jordan Hunt on September 7 at 12:30pm in the church Fellowship Hall to learn more. Lunch will be provided so please sign up in the lobby to attend.



## Women's Bible Study— Jesus and Women



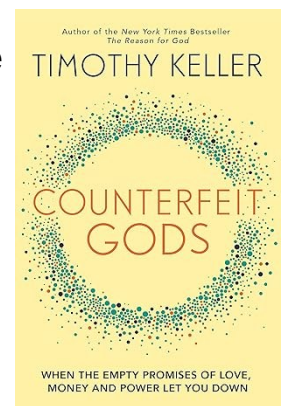
Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth—braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you.

Ladies, beginning September 9th, join The Woven Sisterhood over 7 weeks for the study Jesus and Women by Kristi McLelland here in the church Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm as we seek not only to understand Jesus more deeply, but also to fuel your worship of Him today. If you did not pre-order a study guide at the table in the lobby, you are still able to attend! You can order the study guide on your own,

## Adult Sunday Growth Class: Room 230 @ 9:30am

Success, true love, and the life you've always wanted. It is far too easy to make idols in our hearts of what these things would look like and believe that they hold the ultimate key to happiness. But all too often when these things don't work out the way that we thought they would we feel lost, alone, disenchanted, and resentful. Scripture reminds us that here is only one God who can wholly satisfy our cravings and that He desires for us to find our fulfillment in him.

In this 6-week study based on the book *Counterfeit Gods* by Timothy Keller we will see how a proper understanding of the Bible reveals the unvarnished truth about societal ideals and our own hearts. Join us as we examine what it takes to keep God in the center of our identity and what we see as true fulfillment. This class will begin September 7th.







## Men's Connection

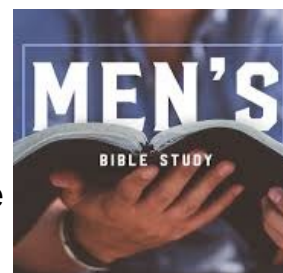
All men, 18 and older, mark your calendars for our monthly Men's Connection. Join us on the 4th Saturday of every month in the Nook at the church from 8:00-9:00am for coffee and donuts, along with a short devotional and discussion.

Meetings will be led by Boice Bailey and Bob Statler. Each month will be a different study, so feel free to attend whenever you can. Hope to see you there as we grow in Christ together!

This month's meeting is on Saturday September 27th, 2025.

## Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We invite you to join our Men's Bible Study each Tuesday morning via Zoom. We meet from 6:30am to 7:30am every Tuesday. If you would like to participate, send an email to [alexander.graziani@gmail.com](mailto:alexander.graziani@gmail.com) to get a link to the Zoom meeting. Resolve to get into the Word of God and let the Word of God get into you!



## Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting

We invite you to join us for an evening of prayer via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for us to be united in prayer. A link will be emailed on the first Monday of each month and you can sign up for "Prayer Meeting" notifications on our GAC app. If you have not received our Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting links in the past, please contact the Church Office, [churchoffice.gac@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice.gac@gmail.com) or 724-837-1122 to be added.



## Church Office Closed

In observance of Labor Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 2nd. We hope you and your families have a fun and safe holiday!





## GAC Youth News & Events

### September 2025

**Pastor Rigel's Contact Information**  
**gacyouth@gmail.com – 724-575-2862**

#### **Thursday Night at the Well (6:30pm - 8:15pm) & Youth Sunday School (9:30am - 10:30am)**

On Thursday nights, both MS & HS students are invited to join us from 6:30-8:15pm at the church for youth group. These meetings are the hub of our youth ministry, designed to play an important part in the lives of our teens.

On Sunday mornings, both MS and HS students meet each week in the Youth Room off of the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for a fantastic lesson and a light breakfast. Additionally, check out our Youth Group seasonal schedule (Fall/Winter) on the church website, app, and in the Youth Room. Please see info below about this year's move-up plans and eligibility.

**Note: There will be NO Youth Group meeting on September 4 (end of summer break)**

#### **Youth Group Move-Up Day & Breakfast - Sunday, September 7 (9:30am)**

Beginning on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, new 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be eligible to move up into the GAC Youth Ministry! To be eligible, a student will have to be both in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and at least 11 years of age by September 7.

That Sunday, will have a special breakfast at 9:30am in the youth room where you will have a chance to meet our leaders & other students and hear about what to expect in the youth ministry. After this date, all students who fit the criteria stated above should consider themselves moved-up and can begin participating in our Thursday night youth meetings. If you are unable to attend that morning we will still have a special orientation on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at our youth group meeting. Show up hungry because we will have tons of pizza!!!

#### **LIFE Service & Thank You Meal – Sunday, September 14 (9:00am-1:30pm) (Services at 9:30am & 11:00am)**

We are excited that on September 14<sup>th</sup>, in both services 9:30am & 11am we will have a chance to share our experience at LIFE 2025 with the congregation. A student team will be leading worship and a number of students will be sharing about their experience at LIFE. As a way of saying thank you, we will be serving fresh squeezed lemonade in between the services and tacos after the second service. We will need a ton of teen volunteers so please look for the sign up in the youth room and plan to be there. Even if you didn't go to LIFE, we would love your help. There will be no Sunday school on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Ignition – Sunday, September 21 (4:45pm-9:30pm)**

Ignition is a youth event that seeks to kick off the school year with a night of worship, prayer and encouragement. Students will experience awesome speakers, inspiring worship, and a time of corporate prayer. Ignition will be held at Cornerstone Ministries in Murrysville (Export), PA. Tickets are only \$5.00 (paid in cash on the day of the event). Please sign up in the youth room so we can plan for transportation. We will meet in our church parking lot at 4:45pm and will return between 9:30-9:45pm. There will be refreshments for sale at the event so feel free to bring some spending money (\$5 - \$10).

#### **SY@TP (See You at the Pole) - Wednesday, September 25**

On the morning of Wednesday, September 24, thousands of Christian students from all around the nation will meet at the flag pole in front of their school before classes begin for 30-45 minutes of prayer for their schools and local communities. We encourage our students to participate in this great nationwide event. The times and locations vary from school to school, but it generally takes place about 45 minutes before school begins. For more information, check out [www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com).

#### **Operation Christmas Child Donations**

Each year we collect various items through November to pack shoeboxes for our Operation Christmas Child outreach. Last year we set and exceeded an ambitious goal of 200 shoeboxes and packed over 250 shoeboxes! This year we will be looking to do the same. To ensure we collect adequate supplies, we will have voluntary donation tags in the youth room to cover specific quantities of items (Ex. 25 notebooks, 20 bars of soap, 20 toothbrushes). These donation tags (located on the bulletin board in the youth room) ensures that we are able to send a large number of well-rounded boxes. Any donations can be given to Rigel directly or placed in the OCC bin in the Youth Room.

#### **Youth Missions Trip to the Dominican Republic - Save the Date (June 13-20, 2026)**

We are excited to announce the dates for a fantastic opportunity that we will be offering our teens in the summer of 2026. On Saturday, June 13 we will be sending a group to the Dominican Republic for a week to minister in the capital, Santo Domingo at our Envision partnership site. This trip will involve a variety of ministry experiences for the team to participate in. We will be putting a packet out on Sunday October 12 with the details for the trip including times, cost and eligibility. Registration will remain open for 6 weeks. Our goal is to offer this trip on a rotating basis.

#### **Staying in the Loop**

Do you feel like you miss what's going on from time to time? Here are 3 ways that you can stay informed.

1. Grab a paper copy or download our monthly youth handout from the youth section on the church website.
2. Check out the Fall/Winter event schedule which covers September-December (Also found on the church website).
3. Download the Greensburg Alliance Church App and enable "Youth" push notifications & utilize our youth texting service by emailing your name and cell number to [gacyouth@gmail.com](mailto:gacyouth@gmail.com). You'll receive an "opt in" text. Reply "Yes".



## GAC Kids News & Events September 2025

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DISCOVERY LAND



The month of September begins our fall unit. Our lessons will include:

- Review of David & the Israelites
- David & Jonathan's friendship
- King Saul tries to kill David
- David Keeps his promise to Jonathan

Please encourage your kids to bring their Bibles to church. This will help them learn to not only use but also be familiar with finding where things are in the Bible. **We also will be challenging the kids to learn the books of the Bible in the Old Testament & New Testament. Please take time to practice with them!** Tracker Tickets will be awarded for bringing their Bibles, attendance, participation, and returning the signed and completed Tracker sheets the following week. Tracker Tickets are accumulated over the unit (usually 3 months) and then able to be traded in for a prize at the end of the unit. Let's encourage our kids to be wise by "digging" into God's Word.

**Move up Sunday** will be held on **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**! This is when children move into their next classroom according to age & birthday. **Please register your child for the new 2025-2026 year** so we can plan accordingly.

**Parents:** Please take a minute to fill out a new children's ministry registration for the 2025-2026 school year & Awana. Registrations are located at the Children's ministry desk or online at [greensburgalliancechurch.com](https://greensburgalliancechurch.com).

### Awana will resume on Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Wednesday evenings are a time of discipleship, games, and Bible lessons at Awana, where your kids can grow in their understanding of the Bible and His plan for their lives. We strive to equip children to become life-long learners of Jesus & His Word. You can be part of this fun and exciting time to learn God's Word. Please register your child online or by filling out a form at the children's ministry desk. Awana is available for children ages 3 years old- 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



Classrooms are as follows:

**Cubbies:** 3 (by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>)-5 years  
**Sparks:** K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
**T&T:** 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade

### We need YOU!

Has God placed in your heart the desire to share HIM with others? Kids need to be seen, known, and loved. Being involved in Children's ministry allows them to understand, connect, and build a lifelong lasting relationship with Jesus and others. We are looking for individuals (adults & teens) interested in serving in Children's Ministry and Awana! Will you step out, join the team, and take part in the blessing of instilling a foundation of faith in the next generation? You do not want to miss out on this opportunity to serve!!

Mark your interest on your connect card, contact Cindy Llewellyn, or reach out to the church office to find out more!



#### Areas to serve in Children's Ministry

Nursery (0-2 years old)  
 Toddlers (2-3 years old)  
 Preschool (4-5 years old)  
 Elementary (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 Gatekeeper/front desk  
 Prayer Groups  
 Follow-up

#### Areas to serve in Awana

Cubbies  
 Sparks  
 T&T  
 Games  
 Registration  
 Bible teaching  
 Substitutes  
 Special events

# September 2025

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# September

## September Anniversaries

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| 1 - Gary & Nancy Godula  | 12 - Zac & Stephanie Cross | 17 - John & Leah Wheelus |
| 6 - Rick & Donna Pisani  | Ryan & Kelsey Kubiak       | 20 - Dan & Diane Kelly   |
| 11- Rigel & Julie Holmes | Lindsey Stone              | 24 - Mike & Sarah Walor  |
| Carmen & Cheryl Dott     | 14- Ron & Peggy Longsdorf  | 28 - Cody & Casey Panos  |

# HAPPY Anniversary

## September Birthdays



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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Tanner Cilli     | 10 - Eugene Cilli Jr. | 18 - Sophia DelGrosso |
| Dean Ambrose         | 11 - Stephanie Fiesta | Luke Coughanour       |
| Paul Obringer        | 12 - David Tomko      | 20 - Joel White       |
| 2 - Emily Gardner    | Luke Folmar           | Karen McGarry         |
| 3 - Colleen Peterson | Dominic DelGrosso     | 21 - Brandon Miller   |
| Michael Vanerweele   | 13 - Ashley Kauffman  | 22 - Joel Momper      |
| 4 - Jenn DiAndreth   | Jordynn Rock          | Bob Schoenfeld        |
| 5 - Elias Dorinsky   | Rodney Little         | 23 - Amy Kapelar      |
| Baron White          | 14 - Jennifer Dail    | 24 - Kathy Wills      |
| 6 - Alayna Hardy     | Paige Sansonetti      | Lillian Malloy        |
| 7 - Lucas Hallmann   | Joel Knox             | 25 - Melissa Bartels  |
| 8 - Lilly Llewellyn  | 15 - Duane Sutor      | 26 - Kip Johnston     |
| Parker Mihalik       | Logan Helms           | 27 - Noah Dukes       |
| Jacob Reed           | Melissa O'Brien       | 28 - Grace Folmar     |
| 9 - Brooke Stairs    | 17 - Betsy Danser     | 29 - Elise Ealy       |
| Colin Kurmacak       | Angela Iezzi          | Timothy Myers         |



If you would like your anniversary and family birthdays listed in our monthly Focus newsletters, please indicate on your Sunday Connect Card located in the pews, through our Church app, or email the Church Office, [churchoffice.gac@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice.gac@gmail.com).

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